GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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Rubber Cultivation
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

a) the total area under rubber plantations in the country at present, State/ UT-wise;

b) whether there has been a decline in rubber cultivation during the last three years and the current year;

c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

d) the steps taken by the Government to promote rubber cultivation in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
(a): The total area under rubber plantations in the country during 2014-15 is 795,135 ha (provisional). State /UT-wise details are as under:

State/UT Area (Hectares) (Provisional)
Kerala 549955
Tamil Nadu 20925
Tripura 75070
Assam 51795
Meghalaya 14775
Nagaland 14235
Manipur 3955
Mizoram 3550
Arunachal Pradesh 4065
Karnataka 49210
A&N Islands 805
Goa 1165
Maharashtra 2310
Odisha 1840
West Bengal 850
Andhra Pradesh 630
Total 795135

(b) & (c): The information as available indicates a decline in the new planting of rubber in the last three years. This is attributable inter alia, to several factors including pressure on domestic prices caused by surplus stock in international markets and asymmetry in the type of rubber demanded by the domestic manufacturers vis- a- vis available domestic production. The details of new planting and replanting of rubber is as under:

Year New planting (ha) Replanting (ha) Total planting (ha)
2012-13 23500 11000 34500
2013-14 p 21000 15000 36000
2014-15 p 17000 15000 32000
p- Provisional.

(d): Several programmes covering research, extension and provision of financial assistance are implemented through the Rubber Board to increase rubber production through new planting, replanting of uneconomic plantations and productivity enhancement. The scale of financial assistance for new planting and replanting during the period of 12th Five year plan is as follows:

Region Planting subsidy in 12th Plan
Traditional region Rs. 25,000 per ha
Non-traditional region other than NE Rs.35,000 per ha
(planting subsidy - Rs.30000, reimbursement of cost of planting material- Rs.5000)
NE region Rs.35,000 per ha
(planting subsidy - Rs.30000, reimbursement of cost of planting material- Rs.5000)

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